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**NEW CONSTRUCTION OF
INSURGENT ENCAMPMENTS
CHAVANE AREA
LAOS**

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NEW CONCENTRATION OF INSURGENT ENCAMPMENTS, CHAVANE AREA, LAOS

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A large concentration of insurgent encampments has been identified in the heavily wooded areas immediately southeast of Chavane, Laos. Thirteen camps with a total of at least 180 buildings were identified during [REDACTED] (Figure 1).

This is the largest concentration of insurgent facilities ever observed in this part of the Laotian panhandle and is similar to an area identified near Sepone and Route 922 earlier this year.

Each encampment generally consists of 10 to 20 heavily concealed buildings with some associated row cropping (Figure 2). While the roads leading into Chavane remain closed, an elaborate and well-used trail system interconnects the encampments. All of the native villages in the area have been abandoned.

The dispersal of the camps away from Routes 96 and 165 indicates that they are most likely utilized for personnel housing rather than for storage. The identification of the camps also coincides with the normal post-monsoonal road reconstruction operations in Laos.

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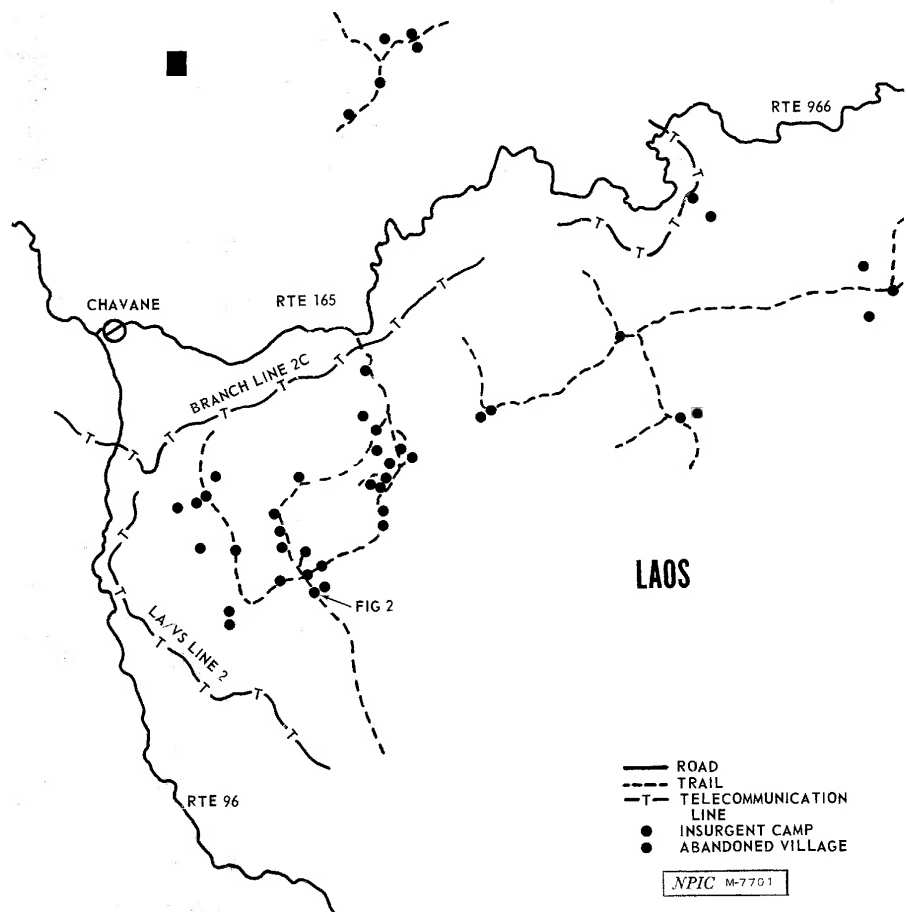
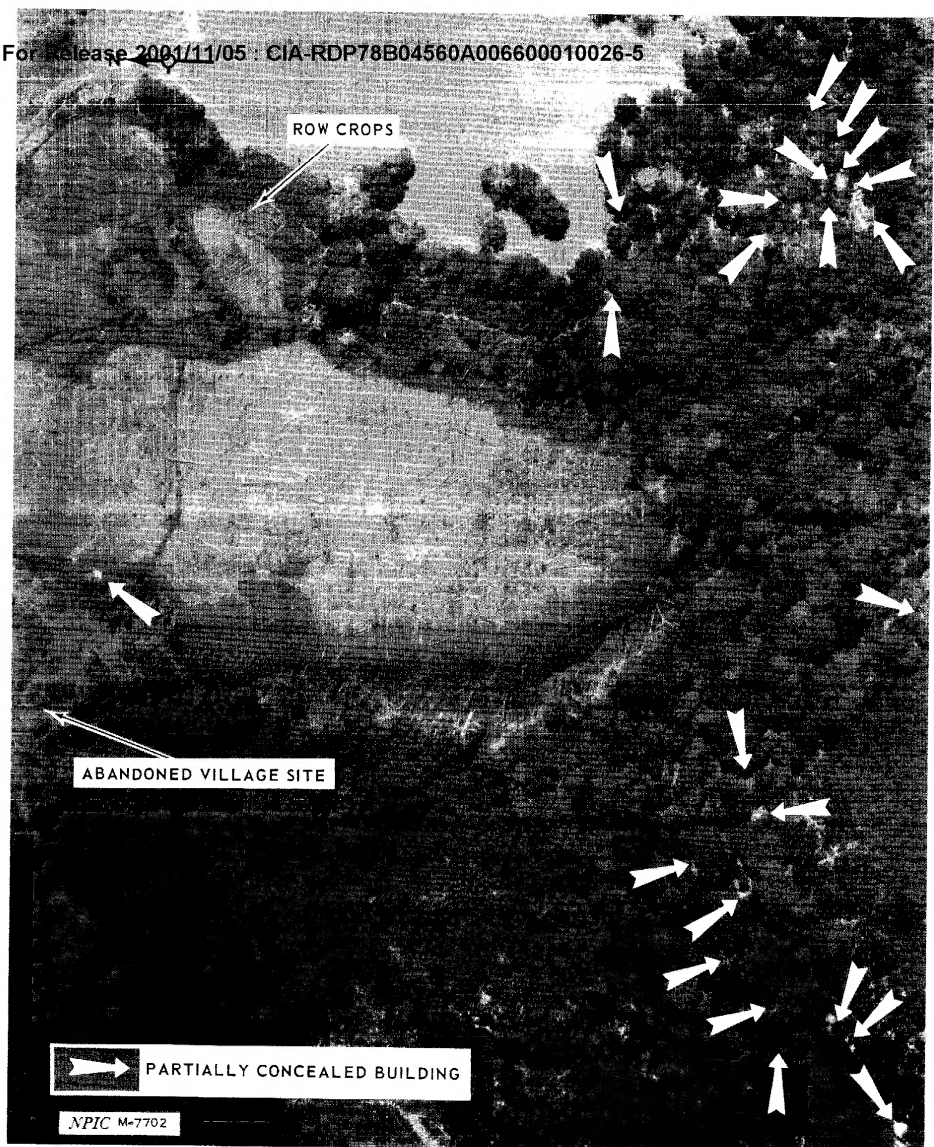


FIGURE 1. LOCATION MAP OF NEWLY IDENTIFIED INSURGENT ENCAMPMENTS, CHAVANE, LAOS

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